

Kagayanen language

The **Kagayanen language** is spoken in the province of Palawan in the Philippines. It belongs to the Manobo subgroup of the Austronesian language family, and is the only member of this subgroup that is not spoken on Mindanao or nearby islands.

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Distribution

Kagayanen is spoken in the following areas (*Ethnologue*).

- Palawan Province: Cagayancillo Island between Negros and Palawan
- Palawan coastal communities
- southern Palawan: Balabac Island
- northern Palawan: Busuanga and Coron
- other areas around the Philippines: Iloilo Province; Silay, Negros; Manila; Quezon and Rizal areas

Phonology

Kagayanen consonant phonemes^[3]

	Labial	Coronal	Palatal	Velar	Glottal
Nasal	<u>m</u>	<u>n</u>		<u>ŋ</u>	
Stop	<u>p</u> <u>b</u>	<u>t</u> <u>d</u>		<u>k</u> <u>g</u>	<u>ʔ</u>
Fricative		<u>s</u>			(<u>h</u>)
Approximant (Lateral)		<u>ɻ</u>	<u>j</u>	<u>w</u>	
		<u>l</u>			
Rhotic		<u>r</u>			

[h] occurs only in loan words, proper names, or in words that have [h] in the cognates of neighboring languages.^[4] Outside of loanwords, /d/ becomes [r] between vowels.^[5]

Kagayanen	
Native to	Philippines
Region	eastern Palawan
Native speakers	30,000 (2007) ^[1]
Language family	Austronesian <ul style="list-style-type: none">Malayo-Polynesian<ul style="list-style-type: none">Philippine<ul style="list-style-type: none">Greater Central Philippine<ul style="list-style-type: none">Manobo<ul style="list-style-type: none">North<ul style="list-style-type: none">Kagayanen
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	cgc
Glottolog	kaga1256 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/kaga1256) ^[2]

Comparative and historical evidence suggests that /ǝ/ and /l/ were in complementary distribution before a split occurred with pressure from contact with English, Spanish, and Tagalog.^[6]

Vowels of Kagayanen^[7]

	Front	Central	Back
<u>Close</u>	i	ə	u
<u>Open</u>		a	

/i/ ranges between [i] and [e], except in unstressed syllables (as well as before consonant clusters) where it lowers to [ɪ] or [ɛ].^[8] Similarly, /u/ lowers to [ʊ] in unstressed syllables, before consonant clusters, and word-finally. It is otherwise [u].^[9]

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